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SUMMARY. IN PRC DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS A NEW ANTI-RIGHTIS CAMPAIGN
APPEARS TO BE EMERGING UNDER THE CENTER'S CAREFUL CONTROL THAT
WILL INVOLVE SCHOOLS, FACTORIES AND COMMUNES THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTRY. MEANWHILE DOMESTIC MEDIA ARE FEATURING ATTACKS AGAINST
CRITICS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND CALLS FOR "GOING AGAINST
THE TIDE." ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT NCNA, IN THE FIRST SUCH
MEDIA REFERENCE FOR SOME TIME, HAS PORTRAYED THE USSR AS BESET
BY SHARP CLASS ANTAGONISMS, CONTRADICTIONS AND SOCIAL UPHEAVALS
IN THE COURSE OF WHICH THE SOVIET PEOPLE, WORKERS AND
INTELLECTUALS ARE BEING BRUTALLY SUPPRESSED. CHINESE TREATMENT
OF FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA'S VISIT APPEARED DESIGNED TO CONVEY

THAT PEKING PLACES JAPAN ON THE SAME PLANE AS THE U.S. AND
WESTERN EUROPE. END SUMMARY.

1. ANTI-RIGHTIST-CAMPAING
INTELLIGENCE REPORTS FROM YUNNAN AND SHANGHAI ADD TO
OTHER INDICATIONS THAT A NEW ANTI-RIGHTIST CAMPAIGN
IS BEING UNFOLDED IN CHINA. THE CAMPAIGN
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IS TO RELY ON THE "FOUR BIG WEAPONS" MENTIONED BY WANG HUNG-WEN
IN HIS AUGUST PARTY CONGRESS REPORT (BLOOMING, CONTENDING, BIG
CHARACTER POSTERS, BIG DEBATES), AND TO MOVE ON TO FACTORIES,
MINES, AND COMMUNES THROUGHOUT CHINA AFTER INITIALLY FOCUSING ON
THE SCHOOLS. IT IS TO BE KEPT UNDER THE CENTER'S CAREFUL CONTROL,
HOWEVER, AND NOT PERMITTED TO DEGENERATE INTO CULTURAL REVOLUTION-
LIKE CHAOS--APPARENTLY IN LINE WITH LEFTSIT AS WELL AS MODERATE
DESIRES (HONG KONG 229).
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2. THE ATTACK ON RIGHTIST OPPONENTS OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION,
WHICH WAS ALSO A FEATURE OF THE JANUARY 1 EDITORIAL (WR1), HAS
BEEN DEVELOPED IN AN ARTICLE IN THE LA EST RED *LUP. REFLECTING
AN APPARENT ACCOMMODATION OF MODERATE VIEWS IN DRAFTING THE ARTICLE,

IT CAREFULLY SEPARATES " OPENLY HOSTILE" ELEMENTS FROM THOSE WHO HAVE MERELY "TAKEN A WRONG VIEW." THE ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN IS TREATED WITHIN AN ANTI-RIGHTIST CONTEXT, IDENTIFIED AS AN "ASPECT" OF THE INTENS*FIED CRIT*CISM OF LIN PIAO. THERE IS ALSO A HINT THAT INTERFERENCE WITH ECONOMIC PRODUCTION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED (HONG KONG 305).
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3. IN THE PROVINCES SIGNS OF THE NEW MOVEMENT CROPPED UP IN RADIO BROADCASTS FROM KWACVTUNG AND SHANSI (JANUARY 5) WHICH SPOKE APPROVINGLY OF USING THE "FOUR*BIG WEAPONS," A CALL WHICH EARLIER SURFACED IN WUHAN (1973 WR 46). DEFENSE OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE MOVEMENT, WAS IN EVIDENCE IN AN NCNA ARTICLE FROM CHEKIANG JANUARY 7, AND HEILUNGKIANG TOOK A STRONG STAND ON THE THEME, RAISING " THE POSSIBILITY OF GAINING THE FRUIT FIRST BUT LOSING IT LATER" (JANUARY 4 BROADCAST).
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4. KWANGSI THREW SOME LIGHT ON THE CAUTIONS ATTACHED TO THE MOVEMENT AT PRESENT. A JANUARY 7 BROADCAST DESCRIBED GOING AGAINST "ERRONEOUS TIDES" AS A "SERIOUS TEST," AND SAID THAT THE CALL FOR "GOING AGAINST THE TIDE" RAISED " * LOT OF APPREHENSION" AMONG THOSE WHO THINK FIRST OF PERSONAL INTERESTS. THE COMMENT FROM KWANGSI, BASE OF POLITBURO MEMBER WEI KUO-CHING, WARNED THAT "WE MUST NOT SET GOING AGAINST THE TIDE AGAINST OBSERVING PARTY DISCIPLINE," AND ADDED THAT PURSUIT OF FACTIONAL INTEREST WOULD
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ENDANGER THE REVOLUTION. A KWANTUNG EDITORIAL WARNED THAT THE CALL FOR "STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ENEMY" MUST NOT BE INTERPRETED AS MEANING THAT " THE SPEARHEAD SHOULD BE DIRECTED AT THE CADRE" (JANUARY 4 BROADCAST).
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5. CHANG TSAI-CHIEN

DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF CHANG TSAI-CHIEN LED A PRESTIGIOUS MILITARY MISSION TO PAKISTAN DURING THE WEEK, ADDING TO HIS ALREADY GOOD

CREDENTIALS AS A CONTENDER FOR ONE OF THE VACANT TOP MILITARY POSTS, MOST LIKELY THAT OF CHIEF OF STAFF.
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6. NEW KWANGSI SECRETARY
UNKNOWN CHIN YING-CHI HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CCP SECRETARY IN KWANGSI (DECEMBER 25 BROADCAST). HE HAS NO RECORD OF ANY PUBLIC APPEARANCE BY CHIN PRIOR TO HIS DECEMBER 1971 IDENTIFICATION AS A MEMBER OF KWANGSI'S PARTY STANDING COMMITTEE. PRESUMABLY, CHIN IS ONE OF A GROWING NUMBER OF "NEW CADRE" BEING ELEVATED TO TOP PROVINCIAL POSTS IN THE WAKE OF THE TENTH CONGRESS (1973(1 24 44).

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7. SOVIET UNION

CHINESE PROPAGANDA AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION TOOK ON A MORE
MENACING TONE WITH THE PUBLICATION OF A JANUARY 8 NCNA REPORT ON

THE RESISTANCE OF THE SOVIET PEOPLE TO THE "FASCIST DICTATORSHIP"
OF THE BREZHNEV CLIQUE. ARGUING THAT THE SOVIET UNION IS
"PERMEATED BY SHARP CLASS ANTAGONISMS, NATIONAL CONTRADICTIONS,
AND SOCIAL UPEHAVALS," THE ITEM CATALOGED SOVIET PENAL DECREES,
INCREASED INTERNAL SECURITY ACTIVITIES, AND ESTABLISHMENT OF
NEW PRISONS AND LABOR CAMPS SINCE 1965. IT CHARGED THAT SHACKLES,
CHAINS, AND STRAIT-JACKETS ARE EMPLOYED AGAINST "POLITICAL
OFFENDERS WHO RESIST THE DARK RULE OF THE SOVIET REVISIONISTS"
AND REPORTED THE USE OF PSYCHO-NEUROLOGICAL HOSPITALS AND LUNATIC
ASYLUMS TO BREAK MEN IN ORDER TO MAKE THEM CHANGE THEIR POLITICAL
VIEWS.

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8. NCNA ASSERTED THAT THE SOVIET PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING AGAINST
THIS REPRESSION WITH SLOW-DOWNS, STRIKES, PROTEST MEETINGS, AND
DEMONSTRATIONS. IN THE FIRST SUCH REFERENCE WE HAVE SEEN IN PRC
MEDIA FOR SOME TIME, IT STATED THAT UNDERGROUND REVOLUTIONARY
ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN FORMED IN THE SOVIET UNION AND THAT
PAMPHLETS FREQUENTLY APPEAR CALLING FOR "THE SOVIET WORKING CLASS
AND LABORING PEOPLE TO RISE AND OVERTHROW THE RULE OF THE SOVIET
REVISIONIST CLIQUE." BLITHELY IGNORING CHINA'S OWN VULNERABILITY
ON THESE ISSUES, NCNA ALSO REPORTED THAT THE SOVIET MINORITIES'
STRUGGLE AGAINST THE GREAT-RUSSIAN CHAUVINIST POLICY HAS INCREASED
AND THAT SOVIET INTELLECTUALS HARBOR DEEP DISSATISFACTION WITH
THE BREZHNEV RULE.

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9. JAPAN

JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER OHIRA VISITED THE PRC JANUARY 3-6 TO SIGN THE RECENTLY NEGOTIATED SINO-JAPANESE TRADE AGREEMENT, DISCUSS OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND REVIEW INTERNATIONAL EVENTS WITH THE CHINESE LEADERS. HE HELD EXTENSIVE TALKS WITH PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI AND FOREIGN MINISTER CHI PENG-FEI AND PAID A CALL ON MAO TSE-TUNG. THE LATTER CLEARLY SYMBOLIZED THE PRC'S TREATMENT OF JAPAN ON AN EQUAL PLANE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE. OHIRA APPARENTLY MADE PROGRESS ON THE OTHER AGREEMENTS OUTSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND THE WIRE SERVICES QUOTE GOVERNMENT SOURCES IN TOKYO AS SAYING THE JAPANESE EXPECT FINAL NEGOTIATIONS ON AVIATION, SHIPPING, AND FISHERIES AGREEMENTS TO TAKE PLACE BETWEEN NOW AND MAY. CHIEF PRC JAPAN-HAND LIAO CHENG-CHIH SUPPORTED THIS LINE WITH COMMENTS TO OTHER JAPANESE VISITORS ABOUT THE "REMARKABLE PROGRESS" MADE ON THE AVIATION AGREEMENT DURING THE VISIT. PERHAPS MOST SIGNIFICANT, AFP REPORTS FROM TOKYO THAT PRELIMINARY TALKS BEGAN DURING THE VISIT ON THE CONCLUSION OF A PEACE TREATY BETWEEN THE PRC AND JAPAN, THE LAST MAJOR OUTSTANDING ITEM OF UNFINISHED BUSINESS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.
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10. MIDDLE EAST

PEKING APPEARS TO BE BROADENING ITS POTENTIAL FOR A FLEXIBLE RESPONSE TO ANY AGREEMENTS WHICH MAY COME OUT OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. NCNA'S DOMESTIC SERVICE, JANUARY 3, CARRIED AN ANALYSIS OF THE MID-EAST SITUATION WHICH IMPLIED THAT A JUST PEACE BETWEEN THE ARAB STATES AND ISRAEL COULD LEAD TO A REDUCTION OF SOVIET INFLUENCE. THE ARTICLE DID NOT DISCUSS THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AND FOR SEVERAL DAYS NCNA HAS NOT CARRIED NEGATIVE COMMENT FROM ABROAD ON THE CONFERENCE (HONG KONG 0263). LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

11. VIETNAM

LE DUC THO STOPPED OVER IN PEKING FOR ONE DAY ON HIS WAY HOME FROM PARIS. HE DID NOT SEE CHOU EN-LAI BUT HELD TALKS WITH STANDING COMMITTEE MEMBER CHANG CHUN-CHIAO "IN A CORDIAL AND SECRET

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FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE." PEKING MEDIA IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS CARRIED LITTLE NEWS ON THE FIGHTING IN SOUTH VIETNAM BUT CONTINUED TO REPORT BRIEFLY COMMUNIST CHARGES OF US AND GVN VIOLATIONS. UNCLASSIFIED

12. CAMBODIA

NCNA'S NEW YEAR'S ROUND UP OF THE SITUATION IN CAMBODIA SAID THAT WAR FLAMES ARE "NEARING THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE LON NOL CLIQUE" BUT IT DID NOT SUGGEST THAT THE END OF THE STRUGGLE WAS IN SIGHT. THE ARTICLE SAID THAT PHNOM PENH WAS "HARD PUT TO COPE WITH THE SITUATION" AND THAT GOVERNMENT FORCES WERE NOW UNABLE TO LAUNCH ANY SIGNIFICANT COUNTER ATTACKS. THE ARTICLE DID NOT REFER TO CURRENT US SUPPORT FOR THE GKR NOR, AS USUAL, DID IT DISCUSS THE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIATIONS. UNCLASSIFIED

13. HONG KONG: IMMIGRATION, LABOR UNIONS

ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, RECENT IMMIGRANTS FROM CHINA HAVE NUMBERED EVEN LESS THAN THE AGREED UPON QUOTA OF 50 PER DAY AND HONG KONG OFFICIALS HAVE NOTED A "DRASTIC DROP" IN THE NUMBER OF FORMER OVERSEAS CHINESE AND NON-KWANGTUNG RESIDENTS AMONG THE ARRIVALS. ONLY 331 IMMIGRANTS REPORTEDLY ENTERED THE COLONY DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY.

14. ON JANUARY 5, THE PRO-PEKING FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS OPENED ITS SECOND MEETING SINCE THE END OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION (THE LAST BEING DECEMBER 1971). IN AN ADDRESS TO THE MEETING, VICE CHAIRMAN POON KWONG-WAI NOTED THE IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN BRITAIN AND CHINA, BUT CRITICIZED THE HONG KONG GOVERNMENT FOR ITS HOSTILE ATTITUDE TOWARD WORKERS IN THE AREA OF LABOR

LEGISLATION. HOWEVER, POON SAID THAT THE GROUP HEARTILY
WELCOMED THE HKG'S DEPORTATION OF RUSSIAN SPIES AND TAIWAN AGENTS.
THE 700 DELEGATES TO THE FOUR-DAY MEETING ARE TO WORK OUT
GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIONS FOR LOCAL WORKERS. RIGHT-WING TRADE
UNIONS, MEANWHILE, ARE REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING AN APPEAL TO THE
GOVERNOR FOR APPOINTMENT OF A LABOR REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LEGISLATIVE
TO THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, BUT A LABOR ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER
HAS ALREADY DESCRIBED THE PROPOSAL AS A "FUTILE MOVE."
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